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Subject: Guidance: Use of Federal Education Funds for Conferences, Meetings, and Food

Title I, Part A Coordinators:

After further questions and consideration, the U.S. Department of Education has provided clarification on the meetings and food guidance we issued a couple weeks ago. I believe that this will be a most welcome reprieve from the guidance interpretation we provided in regards to providing food for parent involvement meetings. Please note that the message below addresses the provision of refreshments and not full meals. In addition, note that there must be a connection to the purpose of the Title I, Part A program and that the cost must be reasonable.

Please contact your Title I, Part A consultant if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Dear State Directors:

A number of you have asked whether the recent general ED guidance on meetings and conferences [available at: <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/fund/guid/gposbul/gposbul.html>] still permits an LEA to provide refreshments for parents at Title I meetings in order to facilitate parent attendance at those meetings. The answer is yes.

This new guidance is generally intended to apply to professional meetings, including those that you may have with LEA staff, and not to school-based events such as a Title I parent meeting. As a result, as long as there is a connection to a programmatic purpose and the cost is reasonable, an LEA may continue to provide food at Title I parent meetings. I hope this information is helpful as you and your LEAs prepare for the 2013-2014 school year.

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